

Ontario.—The Department of Public Welfare administers the following forms of assistance:*—

Mothers' Allowances.—Since 1920 allowances have been paid by the Province to widows and other necessitous mothers. In addition to basic allowances, free medical services including drugs are provided as well as a 20 p.c. cost-of-living bonus.

Homes for the Aged.—Homes for the Aged are incorporated under the Houses of Refuge, the Houses of Refuge in Districts, and the Charitable Institutions Acts, and operated by cities, counties, districts, and religious or benevolent societies under Provincial supervision.

Unemployment Relief.—The Unemployment Relief Act of Ontario authorizes contribution on the part of the Department of Public Welfare toward alleviation of distress of unemployable persons. The municipalities of the Province are reimbursed 50 p.c. of the expenditures, while in the unorganized areas the Province administers and pays the total cost of aid rendered.

Children's Aid Branch.—The Children's Aid Branch is responsible for the administration of the Children's Protection Act, the Children of Unmarried Parents' Act, and the Adoption Act; supervision of the 52 Children's Aid Societies in the Province; supervision of institutions for children. It also co-operates with the Dominion Government in certain war services—British Child Guests, Dependents' Allowances, Supplementary Grants, Compassionate Leave, and other family welfare problems created by war service.

Day Nurseries.—Day Nurseries and School Care projects are operated to care for children of mothers engaged in war industry.

Soldiers' Aid Commission.—Through the commission, advice and emergency assistance is extended to ex-servicemen of the present war and the War of 1914-18, and their families.

Manitoba.*—The Department of Health and Public Welfare of the Province of Manitoba is organized into three main Divisions: the Executive Division; the Welfare Division; and the Health Division.

The Executive Division includes the general administrative offices, administration of estates of mentally incompetent persons, fiscal supervision of public institutions, health education, statistics and provincial laboratories.

The Welfare Division consists of three subdivisions: (a) Grants to Charitable Institutions, which come under the control of the Welfare Supervision Board; (b) Child Welfare, which includes Mothers' Allowances, with an expenditure amounting to approximately \$400,000 per year; Child Care and Protection, which has to do principally with the supervision of Children's Aid Societies covering practically the whole of the Province; and Legal Supervision, which is responsible for the work in connection with unmarried mothers and adoptions; (c) Social Assistance, which is concerned with the provision of assistance to unemployable persons in unorganized territory and the maintenance of aged and incurable persons in and outside institutions.

An outline of the work of the Health Division is given in the Chapter on Public Health and Related Institutions.

A new over-riding Division which cuts across all the activities of the Department has been set up and is known as the Section of Local Health and Welfare Services. This Division is responsible for the control of local part-time health officers, the

* See also material concerning pensions for the aged and the blind at pp. 670-672.